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## **TWO JEFFERSON COUNTY MEN SENTENCED FOR MISUSE OF CONFIDENTIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION; FIFTH & SIXTH CONVICTIONS IN LETS MISUSE CASE INVOLVING 10 DEFENDANTS**

(MONTGOMERY)— The Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center (ACJIC) announced the sentencing of two Jefferson County (Ala.) men in the fifth and sixth convictions in a case involving 10 defendants charged with crimes involving misuse of confidential law enforcement information through the Alabama Law Enforcement Tactical System (LETS).

**Ronny Paul Summers of Hoover**, formerly of Gardendale, pleaded guilty and was sentenced in the Birmingham Division of the Jefferson County Circuit Court earlier today to 3 years for each of the following 10 counts, to be served concurrently, and given 3 years probation:

- One count of soliciting a public employee to use public property for private gain; and
- Nine counts of obtaining criminal offender record information under false pretenses.

Summers also was ordered to pay \$2,500 in restitution to the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center and \$100 per count in restitution to the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

**Terry James Henley of Gardendale** also pleaded guilty on April 27, 2010, and was sentenced to 5 years for each of the following 10 counts, to be served consecutively, and given 5 years probation:

- Two counts of soliciting a public employee to use public property for private benefit;
- One count of conspiracy to solicit a public employee for private benefit;
- Five counts of obtaining criminal offender record information under false pretenses;
- Two counts of disseminating criminal offender record information;

Henley also was ordered to pay \$5,000 in restitution to the Alabama Attorney General's Office and \$100 per count in restitution to the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

Evidence in the case was presented to a Jefferson County grand jury in the Bessemer Division on March 24, 2009 and to a Jefferson County grand jury on April 3, 2009. The case, which was investigated by agents from the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center with the assistance of the Attorney General's Office, Adamsville Police Department, the U.S. Secret Service, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and the Investigative Division of the Alabama District Attorney's Association, also has resulted in the convictions of four other individuals:

- 1) **Bradley Scott Cummings of Trussville**, who was sentenced to 3 years probation in the Birmingham Division of the Jefferson County Circuit Court on Jan. 25, 2010 after pleading to one count of soliciting a public employee to use public property for private gain;
- 2) **Charlotte M. Henley of Gardendale**, who was sentenced to 1 year plus 1 day, and given probation by the Birmingham Division of the Jefferson County Circuit Court, after pleading guilty to one count of obtaining criminal offender record information under false pretenses on June 2, 2009. Henley, the mother of Terry James Henley, also was ordered to pay court costs and \$100 in restitution to the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Fund;
- 3) **Jody Allen Freise of Mt. Olive**, who pleaded guilty to one count of disseminating criminal offender record information in the Birmingham Division of the Jefferson County Circuit Court on May 28, 2009, and was sentenced to 1 year plus 1 day, and given probation. Freise also was ordered to pay court costs and \$100 in restitution to the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Fund, and has agreed to testify against co-defendants;
- 4) **James Harold Gwin Jr. of Gardendale**, who pleaded guilty in the Bessemer Division of Jefferson County Circuit Court to three felony counts of obtaining criminal record information under false pretenses. Gwin was sentenced to three years for each count, to run concurrently (which were suspended), and was given three years of probation.

Four additional individuals are set to present their defenses at upcoming trials, and one additional defendant, who cannot be named prior to arrest, was indicted and charged with 18 counts of obtaining criminal record information under false pretenses. No further information about the investigation or about the defendants' alleged crimes other than that stated in the indictment may be released at this time.

*\*Note: An indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*

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